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MEMORANDUM TO: TALENT Control Officer, CIA  
THROUGH : TALENT Control Officer, DDI  
FROM : TALENT Control Officer, OCI  
SUBJECT : Request for TALENT Clearance of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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1. Authorization is requested for an additional TALENT clearance in the Economic Advisory Group, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area of OCI for [redacted]

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2. The Economic Advisory Group, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area is a two man unit charged with liaison and publication responsibilities. One of its functions is liaison with ORR with regard to publication of items of current intelligence in the field of economic affairs of the Sino-Soviet Bloc - it is from this function that its name was derived. It is also responsible for liaison with OSI with regard to the publication of items of current intelligence in the field of scientific intelligence, outside the realm of operational military application. Probably the most important function of the EAG, however, is the staff responsibility within the SSBA for support of the weekly publications of OCI. This involves the sponsoring, programming, coordinating and reviewing of articles. In performing these functions, it is the responsibility of the intelligence officers in the EAG to ensure the fullest integration of all possible contributing sources of intelligence and at the same time ensure full conformance to the security restrictions protecting the various sources. Access to TALENT information by intelligence officers with such key responsibilities is necessary to avoid publication of item which, in the light of TALENT information, could be misleading, and to provide a check against unauthorized use of TALENT information. It will also promote use of sanitized TALENT information.

3. To date, TALENT clearance has been authorized only for the Chief EAG. During the periods of the Chief EAG's absence, performance of TALENT related functions has been accomplished

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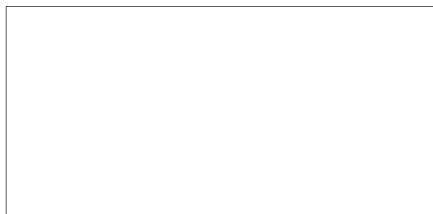
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at other echelons within OCI but less efficiently. The multiplicity of liaison and publication responsibilities of the Chief EAG preclude his giving proper attention to the TALENT aspects of every problem, yet his assistant cannot perform as a full substitute. It is expected for several months while the new chief EAG is "breaking-in" that the assistant will be called upon to share an increased portion of the burden of liaison with ORR and OSI wherein knowledge of TALENT information is a practical necessity.

4.  has SI clearance.

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5. The Assistant Director, Current Intelligence certifies that the MUST KNOW principle is being applied in connection with this request.



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**POSITION APPROVAL:**

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**CIA TALENT Control Officer**  
**CIA TCO Distribution:**  
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TSO concurred by phone 20 May 58.

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